

Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep residents informed of what is going on in our community. It is printed on a bi-monthly basis by the Selectmen's Office Staff. Articles submitted by Town Boards are not edited by the Select Board or Office Administrator. Outside organizations are allowed to submit articles of no longer than one column length. These articles are to be factual and will not be printed if they contain any political format, forum, or communication. We welcome reader input and hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter.

Selectmen:

The Board continues to work toward opening the Police Facility soon. This has been a long process fraught with small problems that have made for long delays. However, we are optimistic the facility will open soon. The Police Department itself is moving forward into a new era under new leadership. Lifelong Egremont resident and career Police Officer, Brian Shaw remains at the helm as part time acting Police Chief. It is the hope of the Board that Chief Shaw will ultimately accept a Full Time permanent appointment.

The Board hopes that we can all move beyond the turmoil that has recently been perpetrated by a few but impacted the entire town and go forward into a more collaborative, communicative, and understanding community.

Peter Beckwith has left the Egremont Highway Department. The Board thanks him for his time with us and wishes him luck in his new job. Applicants for the position are being interviewed.

Tax Collector/Treasurer:

FY 2014 Real Estate & Personal Property Tax Bills 2^{nd} quarter tax payments were due November 1, 2013.

Reminder - On Line Banking - UNIPAY on line banking is a great tool for last minute payments of real estate/personal property & water bills owed to the town. Go to the Town of Egremont web site www.egremont-ma.gov and click on "pay your bills on line". Follow the instructions from that point. You will be able to use ACH or a credit card.

Reminder – Bank Bill Pay - When making payments through your bank bill pay please remember to use your <u>current tax bill number</u> and check to be sure the remittance address is correct.

Remittance Address: Tax Collector, Town of Egremont, P.O. Box 368, So. Egremont, MA 01258

Questions concerning your tax assessment MUST be directed to the Board of Assessors.

ECO-TIP

Take unwanted holiday light strings to Dante at the Transfer Station. Or mail them for recycling. Go to www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program_c_210.html for the mailing address.

911 Coordinator:

If you don't have a reflective number posted at your property showing your E911 house number please contact Town Hall to find out how to order a 911 plate or otherwise comply with the Town's bylaw that required you to post your number.

Please check to make sure that your house number is clearly visible. Cut back any overgrowth of brush and branches.

If you have any disability that may require special attention by the emergency personnel, please contact Town Hall so that this can be made a part of your 911 record.

Fire Department:

The Fire Department asks that while keeping your house number clearly visible, you also consider making sure the trees and shrubs along your driveway are kept trimmed. Please trim overhead trees to above 12 or 14 feet. Thank you.

ECO-TIP

If you can't compost your leaves at home, take them to the leaf pile on the road up to the Transfer Station. It's on the right going up, just past the DSL hut. They will become compost.

Egremont Water Department:

The Egremont Water Department recently completed a major upgrade to its distribution system. This upgrade involved installing a new water main on the Egremont-Sheffield Road, installing new service lines to many of the houses along that line, and the installation of curb valves for all customers. Many of the old service lines that were replaced were leaking substantial amounts of water. The new water main along with new service lines will provide our customers with cleaner water with increased water pressure while reducing the amount of leaking water.

Ten years ago the Egremont Water Department was pumping out approximately 100,000 gallons per day. With an aggressive leak detection program and continuous upgrades such as above, we are now pumping out around 30,000 gallons per day.

The Water Commissioners have approved the purchase of a new handheld meter reader which will insure that we are getting accurate meter readings and billing for all water being pumped through the distribution system.

Please be sure to take the necessary steps to insure that your plumbing does not freeze this winter. Either sufficient heat must be left on or the pipes completely drained. If you have any questions please call Jim at 644-9614.

Conservation Commission:

The Conservation Commission welcomes a new member: Ted Rubsamen Jr. of Hillsdale Road. He brings extensive knowledge of construction and engineering with more than 50 years experience, most of it in New York state. His past projects include residences, hospitals, banks, a library, even a NY Worlds Fair pavilion? He and his wife are enjoying Egremont living now and working on their home. We thank Ted for volunteering and welcome him to the ConCom.

Ted fills the seat of newly retired commissioner Jack Muskrat. Jack has also recently semi-retired form his job with the water department in town. He and his wife, Peggy, (formerly a Mt. Everett 5th grade teacher and currently our Town Clerk), have lived in the same house here in Egremont for 42 years, moving here soon after their marriage. Jack worked for a propane company in Great Barrington for most of those years, but joined our water department 13 years ago, just as it was getting underway. 10 years ago he joined the ConCom as a way to give service

locally and to learn about conservation. Jack has always been the commissioner who knew just who owns what, how long they've had it, and who they bought it from and his encyclopedic local knowledge (and lore) will be greatly missed. He and Peggy are devotees of their three kids and 8 grandkids and look forward to more time with them. We thank Jack for his loyal, helpful service for all these years and wish him and Peggy well.

Jack points out that it is important to always remind our citizens that land both under and near waterways and wetlands (even intermittent ones), are protected by state law. Before any changes to such land are made, consult with the Conservation Commission. Just call Town Hall or drop in to our meetings (2nd and 4th Thurs, 7pm, Town Hall) so we can help you with any questions.

ECO-TIP

Take your non-meat kitchen scraps to the community compost bin at the Transfer Station. If you're reluctant to save the scraps on your counter top, keep a food storage bag in your freezer, and empty it into the bin.

Planning Board:

This year, the planning board received another grant from the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission to help us with the very complicated task of creating separate zoning districts for the town's villages. Our bylaw currently has one zoning district, the General district. Because population density and lot sizes in rural areas and villages are so different, frontage and setback regulations appropriate for a rural district create many non-conformities in our villages. After carefully considering the attributes and characteristics of both the North and South Egremont villages, the planning board is proposing boundaries and separate intensity tables for each village and a Rural district. These new intensity tables will bring more lots into conformity with the proposed zoning regulations thereby giving more homeowners the ability to make byright changes.

The planning board will soon be inviting all homeowners to an informational meeting to learn about the proposed changes and the many benefits they will bring to homeowners and to receive your responses

Green Committee:

STUNNED – Apparently we are doing a terrible job getting the word out.

Recycling is a nice thing to do for yourself, your neighbors, and your planet. It saves your Town money and our future. But it is also the law.

To make it easy to obey the law, we have posted signs at the transfer station, have lots of materials at town hall and are always willing to help answer questions about how to do it, when to do it and where to do it.

So when a car pulled up in front of Juliette Haas, our sustainability coordinator, while she was talking to Lou, our new transfer station operator, and that person pulled out CLEAR garbage bags filled with GLASS AND CANS and tossed them in the trash compactor, well, they were shocked. And – shades of Arlo - this person was surprised that he was getting busted for trash!

Now we realize there will always be those few scofflaws who skulk up with black bags filled with mystery trash - but clear bags in broad daylight? Juliette took him through Trash 101 on separating and the reasons why and everyone went away happy.

But this meant that we had not done our job. So our question to you is, do you know your Trash 101? Do you have three separate containers – one for paper, one for bottles and cans, and one for trash? Do you know you are breaking the law when you don't use them? Is there anything we can do to help you?

Sustainability Coordinator:

Solarize Mass Update:

A big thank you to the 145 Egremont homeowners who logged on to the quick web survey to demonstrate their interest in photovoltaic (pv) solar energy for Egremont. The joint application to the Solarize Mass program in which we partnered with the Town of Great Barrington was submitted on October 22nd. We should hear back from the state by late November. This is a highly competitive program, but if the joint Egremont/Great Barrington application is accepted homeowners will be able to install small-scale pv solar arrays for their homes at greatly reduced prices. Stay tuned!

Town-wide Composting Bin:

Judging from the amount of material in the community composting bin at the transfer station it is fair to say the project is a great success. The kitchen scraps and other organic material residents have been bringing have been breaking down nicely and by next spring there will be plenty of nice, nutrient-rich compost ready for you to bring back to your garden.

The reaction to the project has been overwhelmingly positive. Residents have been commenting on how easy it is to do and how good they feel to take part in a program that not only saves the Town money but also helps reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

If you are not familiar with this program please give Juliette Haas a call at (413) 528-0182 x 22. She can supply you with a free kitchen scrap bucket, bins and other cool stuff to make your composting *and* recycling efforts super easy.

Board of Health:

Every home in Egremont is served by an individual on-site septic system to process wastewater. Although underground and out of sight, septic systems need occasional maintenance from the homeowner to keep them operating well, prolong the life of the system and to avoid spills and breakouts.

Septic tanks need to be pumped in order to keep solids from overtaking the field. Once this happens your system is no longer processing wastewater in a sanitary fashion and will have to be replaced. So it makes perfect sense to spend the \$250 - \$300 to pump your tank rather than fork over the \$20,000 - \$30,000 for a completely new system. How often you have your tank pumped depends on the usage of your home and the amount of people under your roof. If it is occupied full-time it's a good idea to pump every two to three years. You can adjust the frequency of pumping if your home is used only on weekends or seasonally.

An equally important maintenance measure that people often overlook is to clean the filter on your tank. Not all septic tanks in Egremont have filters on them, but chances are if your system was installed within the 10-15 years it does. If that filter becomes clogged, instead of wastewater exiting the tank and going into the field, it backs up into your home. This has happened and judging from the frantic phone calls to the Board of Health from homeowners who find their basements filled with nasty septic effluent, the situation is not pretty not to mention very sanitary. IF YOU HAVE A FILTER ON YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM HAVE IT CLEANED ANNUALLY. You can do this yourself or have a professional do it for you.

Please give Juliette Haas a call at (413) 528-0182 x 22 if you have any questions.

Council on Aging:

On November 18, 2013, from 2pm to 3:30pm, at the Egremont Village Inn in the South Village, the

Council will host its second complimentary Coffee/Tea and Cookies hour with Egremont's seniors. This gathering will be entitled "Get to Know Your Library". Librarian Lesliann Furcht will talk to the gathering about the Egremont Free Library and give short tours of the Library to those that may be interested. Please RSVP to Mary or Will at the Town Hall, 528-0182 ext's 10 or 17. Please join us.

Historical Commission:

The Commission would like to thank Christine Sireau and her family for donating tools once used in her family's weaving and jewelry store that was located in the Old Mill, and to the Great Barrington Historical Society for their generous donations to our Archives of Dalzell material and blue marble from the Egremont Quarry.

We often forget that the economy of Egremont has had many industries here, quarrying among them – with our marble sent for inclusion in the Lincoln memorial, and a Dalzell axel making its way into the glass carriage still used by Buckingham Palace since Queen Victoria.

Please remember that the Archives is a research tool used by many to understand our history so whatever you have — even something as mundane as an old telephone book, match cover, or photos of 1960's picnics at French Park, we are always interested. If you have a question about your house, your neighborhood, or are just curious we invite you up the first Saturday of the month from 9am to noon to come take a look around.

We are also making arrangements for a visit from Preservation Mass to talk to us further about updating our Mass. Cultural Resource files (MACRIS) that have not been updated in thirty years, so if you are interested in helping the Commission and wish to work on your house, or see if your house is already listed, please call Susan Bachelder to register – 528 6505.

WiredWest:

As you may know, the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) is in the process of lighting up their 'Middle Mile' fiber optic network in Western Massachusetts, which will connect Community Anchor Institutions to the Internet and Emergency Services Networks and provide a fiber backhaul into the centers of towns in Western Massachusetts.

However, the last mile connections to homes and businesses that connect to this backhaul still need to be done. Governor Patrick filed an IT bond bill last spring that includes a \$40 million allocation for last-mile broadband infrastructure. That bill is making its way through five committees required before it is presented to the State House and Senate for votes.

Although the \$40 million is not the total funding required to complete the last mile in the 45 unserved and underserved towns MBI has identified, it is enough to attract the remaining funds, ideally from a low-interest loan from USDA's RUS (Rural Utilities Service) broadband loans program, and a modest amount from bonds issued by WiredWest that may require guarantees from participating towns.

This last segment of the network is more extensive than the Middle Mile, and is expected to cost at least \$100 million to complete for all 45 towns.

WiredWest is now in discussions with MBI around partnering to complete the work required for the last mile. WiredWest has started the work on an RUS loan application, which is exceptionally detailed and normally takes several months to complete – although WiredWest towns do have a head start, in that certain of the required tasks related to mapping, engineering and marketing have been undertaken over the last two years, and will simply need updating.

Additionally, to facilitate getting the remaining funding in place, and bring needed ISP operational skills to the organization, WiredWest has contracted with David Epstein as Executive Director. Epstein has operated ISP networks; facilitated partnerships between entities; engaged vendors and has also worked with MBI previously. We will keep you updated as the work progresses and as the requirements for each town become clear.

South Egremont School:

The children of South Egremont School are off to a great start! We have ten children in our multi-age school who are in kindergarten and first grade. We've been busy learning all about apples, trees, seasons, life cycles of plants, spiders and pumpkins! To culminate our unit on apples, we went apple picking at Windy Hill Farm and then made apple cake, apple pie, applesauce and apple crisp to enjoy! On Tuesdays you can spot us walking to the Egremont Free Public library where Ms. LesliAnn reads to the children and offers them an incredible selection of books related to our topics of study. Each morning and afternoon you can see crossing-guard Bill keeping the children and their parents safe at the cross walk! The children have all begun knitting with Ms. Christa during handwork, it is

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unbelievable how quickly they have picked up this beautiful craft. We feel very blessed to be a part of this incredible community. Here is a picture of the children at Windy Hill Farm!



First Congregational Church of South Egremont:

The First Congregational Church of South Egremont will hold a Roast Pork Dinner and "Holiday Chinese Auction" November 9 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost of Dinner: Adults \$10, Children age 5-12 \$5. Take out is available. The Auction will go on during the dinner hours. Drawing for prizes will be at 7:30 p.m. Do not need to be present to win. Come and join us for good food and fun.

Also, Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. we will hold our annual Candlelight Carol Service. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in our holiday decorated sanctuary.

ECO-TIP

Too many catalogs? Stopping them is easy. As soon as one arrives, call the 800 order number and ask that you be removed from their mailing list. They are happy to do it!

Railroad Street Youth Project Awarded Mentoring Matching Grant of \$8,000

Great Barrington, MA – Railroad Street Youth Project (RSYP) announced it has been awarded a Mentoring Matching Grant of \$8,000 from the Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP), a statewide organization fueling the movement to expand quality youth mentoring to meet the needs of communities in Massachusetts. RSYP is one of 26 mentoring programs throughout the Commonwealth to receive a Mentoring Matching Grant.

Funding for the grant stems from the Mentoring Matching Grants line item in the Governor's budget through the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. It was funded at \$350,000 for FY14. It is unique in its

use of private-sector support, as grantees are required to match, dollar-for-dollar, the total amount awarded with cash or in-kind resources.

RSYP's Mentoring Program assists young people to gain self-esteem, a sense of responsibility, and improved interpersonal skills when family and school are not able to provide them. By facilitating one-on-one interest-based matches, youth are provided opportunities to increase their self-confidence and ability to make responsible choices while improving their communication with adults and expanding professional, educational and personal horizons. MMP's grant will be used to support a full time Mentoring Match Coordinator to increase the number of matches the program can support. The funds will also be used to support an initiative to integrate culturally competent practices into the program and increase RSYP's ability across all programs to meet the needs of marginalized youth.

"We are excited about what the MMP grant means to the development of our Mentoring program," says Ananda Timpane, executive director of Railroad Street Youth Project. "They are young people who are slipping through the cracks and the positive support they receive from a caring adult is enough to tip the balance in their lives to make a real difference for the better."

Funded programs are awarded through a competitive RFP process and community review administered by MMPR, and receive training, technical support and mentor recruitment assistance from MMP.

"We are thrilled to award Railroad Street Youth Project with a Mentoring Matching Grant," MMP President and CEO Marty Martinez said. "This critical funding will allow RSYP to support their matches with quality-based, research-driven practices and resources that ensure youth are given every opportunity to develop into productive, successful adults."

Across Massachusetts, Mentoring Matching Grants will create and support 1,000 high-quality matches – 200 more than last year. It will also support existing matches, leading to improved mentee grades, attendance and attitude towards school, which in turn leads to increased graduation rates, and a better-prepared, more skilled sect of entry-level workers.

For more information about RSYP's Mentoring program contact Alex Lenski, RSYP Mentoring Coordinator, at 413-528-2475.

About Mass Mentoring Partnership Mass Mentoring Partnership (MMP) is fueling

the movement to expand quality mentoring for youth to meet the needs of communities across Massachusetts. MMP serves more than 200 mentoring programs statewide supporting 30,000 youth in mentoring relationships. For more information: www.massmentors.org.

Culinary Celebration:

Railroad Street Youth Project will be holding its Annual Culinary Celebration on Monday, December 9, 2013 at the Route 7 Grill in Great Barrington.

The evening will include a wine and hors d'oeuvres hour featuring a cheese tasting with Matt Rubiner of Rubiner's Cheesemongers, and then a 4-course gourmet tasting menu prepared by students in RSYP's Culinary Arts Apprenticeship Program. The students are being mentored in the planning and preparation of the meal by Chef Brian Alberg of The Red Lion Inn, and participating Chefs Dan Smith of John Andrews: A Farmhouse Restaurant, Daire Rooney of Allium, Rachel Hunt, and Host Chef Christophe Jalbert of Route 7 Grill.

Tickets are \$125 per person, with proceeds and donations supporting RSYP youth development and empowerment programs and activities. Tickets can be purchased online at www.rsyp.org and by contacting the RSYP Office at 413-528-2475. For questions and additional information, contact Maxine Carter-Lome at Maxine@rsyp.org.

The Railroad Street Apprenticeship Program (RAP) was launched in 2006 to match the inspirations of young people to the resources of the community. RAP meets the unmet vocational and educational needs of South Berkshire youth and prepares them with skills for gainful employment. Over 150 young people from South County have participated in one of RSYP's Apprenticeships over the years in Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Photography, and Massage Therapy, gaining valuable skills and experience and, in many cases, a job opportunity with a local area business.

This year's Culinary Celebration is made possible by our Event Underwriters RBC Wealth Management, David & Beverly Hosokawa, Barbara Schulman, and Hayley Sumner/Berkshire HorseWorks.

About Railroad Street Youth Project

Founded in 1991, RSYP empowers young people by supporting the creation of youth-generated activities that promote self-worth, responsibility and

intergenerational respect and communication. We serve 14-25 year old residents of southern Berkshire County and the surrounding area with mentoring and apprenticeship programs, a sexual health education initiative, an all-youth board that funds innovative, youth-inspired projects and trips, job training and career counseling, and a drop-in center where we offer referrals, counseling, mediation, and advocacy services.

ECO-TIP

The chargers for your iPhones, iPads, etc., use energy when they are left plugged in, whether the device is attached or not. Unplug your chargers, or keep them on a master switch that you can turn off.

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Third Thursday of each month at 3pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday- 8am to 1pm, Tuesday 8:30am to 12pm & 12:30 to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm. Meetings - Thursdays as posted 9am to 11am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Other times and inspections by appointment

Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 5:30pm January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm Town Clerk - Every other Tuesday evenings 6pm-8pm, Tuesday mornings 9am to 12noon or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm Water Department - Meetings second Thursday 4:30pm at Town Hall

Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Prospect Lake Park and Campground -

camping, swimming

413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com

www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Silo B&B - guest accommodations

413-528-5195

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B

1 Prospect Lake Road

413-528-2882

www.innsweetwater.com

The Egremont Village Inn - Lodging & restaurant 413-528-9580

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant

413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-

Restaurant & Lodging

413-528-6200

www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs.

Robin Walther

116 Egremont Plain Road

413-528-2537

robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration

413-528-1232

www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing

413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects

195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23)

413-528-5383

www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding

Lessons, summer programs

www.bluerider.org

413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -

Horse Boarding, lessons, judging.

413-528-2367 arabpinto 13@yahoo.com

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture

(CSA) & Farmers Markets

413-528-8301

www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane

Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies.

Tom & Liz Marino

413-528-9465

www.lizmarinorughooking.com

Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am

to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710

B&S Gventer "Books & Ephemera" - Buy & Sell Books

www.bookfairs.com

413-528-2327

Elfi Six Shiatsu/Acutonics®, Bodywork

413-644-9979

www.CosmicResonance.com

Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor

44 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-9654

healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness -

Personal, Couples & Group Training

Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month

cardio for Egremont residents

46 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-1594

www.zorncorefitness.com

zornari@gmail.com

Yoga at Zorn Core Fitness, with Karin Beebe

Ashtanga Yoga & Gentle/Hatha Yoga

46 Main Street, South Egremont

413-528-0828

kbyoga@gmail.com

Divine Automotive - Automotive repair

413-528-8007

Old Egremont Country Store - groceries, beer, wine,

liquor, newspapers, lottery, & much 413-528-1141 more James Olmsted - Outdoor Services & Caretaking 413-528-4796 Field mowing Blueberry Lane Home Design - Interior decorating 413-528-0102 413-528-9633 pager 413-261-2150 Berkshire Wildlife Solutions - Resolving conflicts with Closet Collection - clothing & household nature. Eric F. Ives consignment shop 413-528-6236 Mass Problem Animal Control Agent Berkshire Veneer Company - wholesale/retail Consultation/Inspection, Capture, removal and wood veneer sales exclusionary work. 413-644-9696 413-528-9813 413-250-5094 Toull Construction - Jobs large and small. Berkshire Preserves: Small Batch Homemade Lord St. Pierre Marmalade and Jams 413-528-5548 Barbara Fields "Jack of All Trades"-Handyman Services 413-528-2824 Brookside Quiltworks - Catherine Kane - fabric shop Jack Buckley 413-528-1982 and quilt gallery. 2 Sheffield Road, Egremont 413-528-0445 www.brooksidequiltworks.com 413-446-1982 Maple Shade Enterprises: Quilts and Sew much more Ron Brazie Jr - Full service property maintenance and Sue Delmolino Ives management. 413-717-2889 413-644-0229 susandelmolino@yahoo.com Catamount Ski Area - Skiing & ropes course Gregory Cherin photography 413-528-1262 South Egremont 1-917-991-0553 info@gregorycherin.com www.catamountski.com www.gregorycherin.com Anita Schilling - Real Estate Listing & Sales Berkshire South Regional Community Center William Pitt Sotheby's 413-528-4192 or 413-626-1920 15 Crissey Road, Great Barrington MA anitaschilling@gmail.com 413-528-2810 www.berkshiresouth.org Florence F. Browner Real Estate - Full Service Non-profit community organization serving 17 towns throughout the Southern Berkshires. 90 Creamery Road 413-528-3266 Providing a variety of educational, recreational and cultural programs for all ages - from early flobro@wildblue.net Kenver Ltd - Winter Sports Equipment, Apparel & childhood to senior citizens - and partners with Accessories several local organizations. Gogel & Gogel - Law Firm 39 Main Street 413-528-2330 Business law & litigation 40 Main Street www.kenverltd.com Maple Leaf Art Gallery - Joan Mentzinger 413-528-2698 154 Hillsdale Road, Route 23 www.gogel-gogel.com Chloe Wosczyna's travels: to view go to The Agency Without Walls - Helen Krancer Marketing Consulting and Copywriting That www.studleyofegremont.com Get Results. 413-644-9700 House To House Hauling & Recycling helen@agencywithoutwalls.com Trash hauling services and roll-off containers Cyber Knight - Matthew Wall services. PC repairs - Networking - Internet 413-528-0943 413-528-5415 Matthew.wall@yahoo.com

www.janalaiz.com

Jana's new book, The Twelfth Stone is a pick

Dellea.biz Computer Services - Arthur Dellea

http://www.dellea.biz

for the Kids' Winter Indie Next list! Get it from your local independent bookseller and support the locals! and it's a finalist in ForeWord Reviews Book of the Year Award! Jana is the very first Writer-In Residence at Herman Melville's beloved Arrowhead.

www.mobydick.org Jana's new book, Thomas & Autumn is available now! www.crowfliespress.com

Support local businesses

NOTE TO A DAUGHTER FAR AWAY By Stan Farnum

I just went outside for a minute And stood in the shadows where the moon Couldn't see me: And listened and looked. Far off a train whistled And the sound trickled down the dark places Of the night And made me feel alone. I thought of you then, so far way, And yet The very silence and darkness of the Shades about me Brought you close in memory; Once more you were the tiny elf With the shiny face And the little hand in mine, And laughing blue eyes Looked at me from the patch of moonlight By the door. And quickly flashing pictures Passed in my thoughts As you became the mother of a host of dolls And all too soon a grown up Real Life mother and Then left me standing Alone in the night-Lonelv In a minute I'll turn back To reality inside. But sometimes it's even a Little nice To be outside in the shadows And quietly sad That you are gone. Because it will make seeing you again That much More joy.



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